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The following information is in reply to a request for further data on the subject. [REDACTED]

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a. The devices at the wing tips of jet fighters which were called "control devices" in a previous report\* are neither control surfaces nor booster rockets but actually wing tips or wing tip tanks. [REDACTED]

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b. The Polish technical magazine Skoczyls i motor, IV/33 issue, dated 9-16 August 1949, reported that the type 7 or Soviet version of the F-84 has been designated as a YAK-17. The same designation was used in the 12 June 1949 issue of the German illustrated weekly Stern. The sketches reproduced in these two magazines are in agreement with the reproduction of the Soviet F-84 type published in Aviation Week of 4 October 1948. Since this type has not as yet been observed at any aircraft plant, it is believed to be only an experimental model in which the NENE power plant is being used.

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- a. There were two types of jet fighters with straight wings and a turbine under the fuselage which are believed to be the YAK-15 trainer and the MIG-9 fitted with wing tip tanks.
- b. An aircraft with swept-back wings similar in design to the MIG-15 has been seen at Orel Airfield since 1949.

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